

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, and 18-25 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 13 and 25 have been amended and claims 3, 15 and 28 have been canceled. No new matter has been added to this application.

Objection to Claims 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 28

The Examiner has objected to claims 20, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 28 as being dependent on a rejected independent claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 13 and 25 to include the limitations of objected to claims 3, 15 and 28 respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 13 and 25, as amended are in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4-12, 14, 16 and 18-24, being dependent upon independent claims 1 and 13 respectively, are also in condition for allowance.

Rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 23 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Kienzle, U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0119561 A1. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in light of Applicants' amendments to independent claims 1, 13 and 25. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, and 18-25, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully Submitted,

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